

May 21, 2003
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Bob Kober opened the meeting to new MDT business. After the new business, there was a general discussion of MDT's distribution and review process for specifications, followed by the old business from last month. The meeting was closed with a couple of new MCA items.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. **Pavement Markings.** MDT distributed a rough draft of proposed supplemental specifications from Sections 618, 620 and 714.08. The formulation specifications are being removed for temporary and interim striping. MCA expressed temperature concerns with the waterborne paint. If the temperature changes frequently, it is difficult to switch paint types. MDT asked MCA to forward any comments or suggestions. Since this is a rough draft, it is not being sent out for formal comment at this time. When the supplemental specifications are complete, they will be distributed through the formal process. A supplemental specification for Subsection 714.07(F) has been distributed for comment that provides a tolerance on the application of waterborne paint.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

MCA asked MDT to better describe their review process for specifications. There have been some items that have been distributed at the liaison meeting, to the MCA via email, or both. This has led to some confusion as to which items MDT expects formal comments. MDT indicated that the formal process is via email to the MCA. Some items are brought to the technical committee for open discussion but may or may not be distributed for formal comment. MDT asked if that created problems, and MCA responded that this is not a problem.

MDT will look for ways to clarify and improve the process.

MDT and MCA went through an itemized list of outstanding items that were sent out for comment via formal comment or through the liaison meeting. MDT provided a status on each of the items. (Follow-up: MDT did not have the status for 108.07 at the time of the meeting. This supplemental specification was distributed via email on 3/21/03 for comment. No comments were received and MDT is determining whether or not to continue it through the process as-is.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Traffic Gravel Measurement.** MDT asked for clarification on this issue since the current specifications do allow traffic gravel to be measured by the haul vehicle. MCA was not sure how often this is a problem. MDT and MCA agreed that this might be an implementation issue. This will be dropped from the minutes after this month.
2. **Single Use Signs.** MDT stated that there is now a bid item for single use signs and they are working on some internal implementation issues. This will be dropped from the minutes after this month.
3. **Erosion Control.** MDT distributed the proposed detail drawings for erosion control along with the erosion control special provision and rate schedule at the April liaison meeting. These were not sent out for formal comment because MDT felt that it was important to issue these items and make the new erosion control measures available in contracts. Comments will be ongoing.
4. **Changes to the Ride Specification.** Other than the comments discussed at the April liaison meeting, no other comments were received by the MDT. There are no changes from then, and the revisions will be incorporated into the July letting. This will be dropped from the minutes after this month.
5. **Submittal Requirements in Contracts.** MCA indicated that this subject is too large for a committee at this time. Instead of forming a committee, the MCA is going to send the

submittal table out to a large group of people and ask them to look at their specific areas. MDT indicated that they hope to look at pre-approved product lists for some items in the future.

6. **Bridge Pile Specifications.** MDT indicated that this is going to be issued as a special provision rather than a supplemental specification. The implementation of the special provision is targeted at the August letting. This will be dropped from the minutes after this month.
7. **Final Estimates.** The MCA did not have any comments on the process outline distributed at the April meeting. The MDT will proceed in developing the forms and supplemental specifications required to implement the process and provide information to the committee as it is available.
8. **Heavy Duty Cattle Guard Bases.** MDT indicated they would work towards having a Detailed Drawing ready for review sometime this summer. MDT will accept Heavy Duty Cattle Guard Bases on a project-by-project basis until the Detailed Drawings are ready for implementation.
9. **Standard Specification 108.03.** MDT reported that this specification has been incorporated into a special provision and is being included in the June letting. The purpose for adding it as a special provision is to have the flexibility of testing it and making revisions before it is added to the specifications.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. **MDT Staffing Levels.** MCA asked MDT about the status of their staffing levels. There has been some concern with timeliness with staking requests, gravel tests, etc. MDT responded that most of the Districts are close to their projected staffing levels, although a couple are having more difficulties. MDT recommended that contractors contact the appropriate DCE to make sure that they are aware of any problems.
2. **Construction Memos.** MCA reminded MDT that they had agreed a time ago to make the construction memos available to everyone. That has not been done yet. MDT responded that they will follow up and make the memos available on the Internet.

The next meeting will be **June 25, 2003**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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